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DAVID JACOBS PICKS THE POPS

The man who giggled while reading the News

By Peter London

David Jacobs is probably Britain's leading disc programme expert. He has an audience of many millions for his Saturday night BBC radio show *Pick Of The Pops*. As chairman of *Juke Box Jury* on BBC television, also on Saturdays, his viewers are reckoned at 15 million. He also conducts three record programmes on Radio Luxembourg, and is compere of *Wednesday Magazine*, again on BBC TV.

DAVID JACOBS became "vaccinated with a gramophone needle" in the Royal Navy, when he was stationed in Ceylon after the war, and was put to work on the Forces Radio. "Most of our programmes had to be gramophone records, so I accumulated quite a knowledge of the subject," he told me at BBC TV Centre during a rehearsal break the other day.

"As a schoolboy I had two ambitions, to be an actor and to be a farmer. I did become an actor, you know. Just now, with the conquest of space so much in our

In fact, in some biographies of him you will find him described as having been a professional ice skater and a stable-boy.

"What actually happened was that one of my brothers and I did a sort of ice skating act together, all sorts of stunts. One day we were asked to give a performance at a show, and we were paid the magnificent sum of seven and sixpence. But this automatically made us professionals in the eyes of the ice skating authorities. So bang went our chances of competing in the Olympics—if we ever had any.

'Stable-boy' to disc-jockey

"The 'stable-boy' notion came from the fact that riding cost too much for my pocket money, so I made a deal with a stable. I 'mucked out' the horses in return for free rides. A very useful arrangement. And it didn't make me a professional jockey either. I still like riding and occasionally get a chance to do it."

David's chance to become a radio actor and later one of the BBC's most popular disc-jockeys really came because he was "sacked"—by the BBC!

"It was because I giggled while reading the news," David told me. "True! But I suppose that the giggles were only the culmination of a number of most unsatisfactory things. You see, I was on the BBC Overseas Service and the announcers and news readers were a lively bunch of young people just out of the Services. The great joke was to try to make one another laugh at the microphone, in the most inappropriate places. One night while I was reading a serious piece of political news my colleagues succeeded. They passed to me what I thought was a fresh

piece of news. But it was a funny postcard. And I giggled. Right out loud, and it went out on the air. Next day the BBC rightly decided that I was not good announcer material."

But David did succeed as a radio actor and then managed to get his first disc programme, called *Tied Together With String*. Then he was made one of the *Housewives' Choice* compères, and was soon a fully fledged disc-jockey.

Since then he has branched out as chairman of all sorts of TV panel games, and every week for the past two years, with only one programme missed "through mumps," he has been chairman of *Juke Box Jury*, one of the most popular BBC shows.

"I love that show. I've met all sorts of people through it and had a lot of fun in the studio."

Until a few minutes before he walks on to the set in the studio, David does not know what records are to be played, and he has no idea what producers Stewart Morris or Bill Cotton are up to with their cameras.

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LEARNING THE ROPES



Many London schoolchildren enjoy a visit to the Marchants Hill Rural Centre on the breezy uplands of Hindhead, Surrey. Lessons there alternate with outdoor activities—including a miniature Commando course—and a little net-climbing makes a nice change.

Will Man emigrate to the Planets?

With the first flight into space, Man is another step nearer the planets; and this perhaps may be a more important fact than most of us realise, for it is possible that in the not-very-distant future emigration to other planets may be the only solution to Earth's growing population problem.

The possibility was referred to by Sir Arthur Massey during the recent annual congress of the Royal Society of Health. He told nearly 4,000 delegates from 47 countries that "emigration to other planets may be the only solution to the over-population of the Earth." He also foresaw the time when the congress would welcome delegates from other worlds.

Professor Herman Baity of the World Health Organisation (WHO) also spoke of the problem of over-

population. In less than 100 years' time, he said, the world might have about 9,000 million people (roughly three times as many as at present). This would almost amount to standing room only, and unlike Sir Arthur Massey he thought the prospects none too bright of settling any substantial part of our population on the other planets.

Whatever the distant future might hold, the comparatively near future is causing grave concern. There are still many areas of the world with under-nourished people. With the population growing every year at the rate of some 50 million, a vast amount of more food will have to be produced and the amount of waste vastly reduced.

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David Jacobs

minds. I remember all the fun I had as a radio actor in that famous BBC serial *Journey Into Space*. It's all come true!

"Farming? Well, we have a lovely house near Angmering in Sussex, which I do not see enough of, and a large garden. But my wife, Pat, does all the gardening. She's crazy about it."

Apart from acting and farming, David had two other enthusiasms as a boy—ice skating and horses.

PATRIOT OF TUNISIA

London prepares to welcome President Bourguiba

One day about 40 years ago an Arab schoolboy named Habib Bourguiba was expelled from school in Tunis. Today he is President of Tunisia and a leading figure of the Arab world, writes the CN Diplomatic Correspondent.

Next Tuesday the President will begin a three-day State visit to London—five years after he jumped on to the world stage as a brave revolutionary who freed his country from the French.

TUNISIA, lying between French Algeria and Muslim Libya on the coast of North Africa, was occupied by France in 1881 and ruled by the French under a treaty with the ruler or Bey of Tunis.

The French then feared an independent Tunisia would be a threat to their colonial rule in Algeria. But during the last war Tunisia became the final battleground in the Allies' successful campaign to drive the German Nazis and Italian Fascists from North Africa in 1943.

From that time the 3,500,000 Muslim Arabs of Tunisia began to press for independence. The French reluctantly restored some power to Tunisian hands in 1955, and at last, in 1956, conceded complete independence to the country.

Habib Bourguiba, who played such a remarkable part in this process, was born in 1904. And he soon showed that he had a good brain and a strong will.

Carefree, not careless

"Children are not careless, they are just carefree. If we try to look at it like that, I feel certain we can reduce accidents to children on the roads." So says Mr. Peter Cross, a Cumberland railway signalman who has trained and tested nearly 600 child cyclists in the last 15 years. He was in London recently to receive the Shell-Mex and BP trophy for "the person judged to have contributed most by his own efforts to children's road safety."

His expulsion from school at the age of 15 was "for strikes and bad behaviour." After that he spent two years in hospital with lung trouble. There he did a lot of quiet reading.

An elder brother provided funds for the bright boy of the family to study in Tunis and then in Paris. In the French capital he took a law degree at the age of 23, married a French student, and later returned to Tunis with a small son.

Years of struggle

During the thirties Habib hurled himself with furious energy into the freeing of his country from French domination. In 1934 he founded a political party with a modern policy based on Western ideas. He organised a trade union movement, and opened a campaign to educate and reform his people.

During these years of struggle Bourguiba was regarded by the French as a dangerous antagonist, and soon after he had founded his party in 1934 he was arrested and jailed.

There followed years of alternate imprisonment, release, re-imprisonment, and then an escape, by a 30 days secret journey across the deserts of North Africa, into Egypt. He travelled widely in the Middle East, making contact with Arab leaders, and then in Europe and the United States.

Returning to his homeland in 1949, with a great welcome from his people, he again suffered imprisonment by the French, and it was not till 1955 that this tire-



President Bourguiba

less patriot was 'at last a free man in his own country.

It is a sign of the character of the man that, despite his sufferings at French hands, it was Bourguiba who tried to bring about a reconciliation between the French Government of President de Gaulle and the Algerian Muslims, who are also trying to get their freedom from France.

With his blue-grey eyes and intense but courtly appearance and immaculate French manners, the President deeply impressed Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother when she visited Tunisia recently. He will make a great impression in London, too.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE

Next Sunday is Commonwealth Youth Sunday and for the first time wherever it is observed there will be the same order of service as that used in Westminster Abbey.

An Italian airline is to open a weekly service to Australia. Jet planes will take about 35 hours on flights between Rome and Sydney.

One boy had over 200 bee stings removed and another 50, after accidentally knocking over a beehive at Andover, Hampshire.

FOR HIGH TEA?

There will be a restaurant at the top of the 507-foot radio tower which is to be built at St. Pancras, London.

A new mineral discovered by Soviet geologists has been given the name Gagarinite, after the first space man.

America has sent the world's first "space observatory" into orbit round the Earth. Shaped "like an old-fashioned street lamp," it is 7½ feet long and tumbles over and over as it measures gamma rays and transmits the information back to Earth.

THAT DAISY CHAIN

Longer and longer grows the daisy chain record. CN reader Sheila West writes from Eltham, in south-east London, to tell us that she and her friends at Alderwood J. M. School made a chain 78 yards long. "Our lawn at school now has hardly any daisies on it," she adds.

A six-month-old British Friesian bull, born in Canada, has been bought by a Norfolk farmer for £10,000.

PRIZE POLYANTHUS

A polyanthus 22 inches round has been grown in a garden at Freshwater Bay, Isle of Wight. It had 170 separate blooms.

A salmon tagged three years ago in Alaska was caught recently off Dartmouth, Devon.

The appeal for £100,000 for restoring Leicester Cathedral has been exceeded by £1,000.

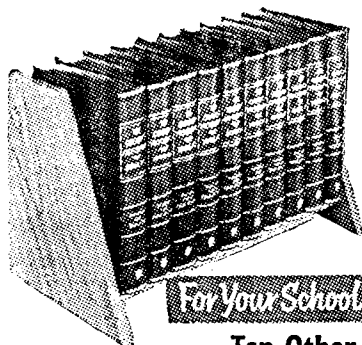
THEY SAY . . .

I WEAR my hair long partly to cover my ears so that I shall not hear all the nonsense spoken about art.

Sir Charles Wheeler, President of the Royal Academy

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10 other prizes of Book Tokens will also be awarded to runners-up.

THE PUZZLE. Look at the farmyard scene on the right. P is for Pony . . . how many other objects whose names start with the letter P can you see in the picture? Those under 12 must find ten; if you are 12 or over you are asked to name fifteen. No more and no less, remember!

List your answers neatly on a postcard, add your name, age and address plus the name and address of your school. The Free Entry token given below must then be cut out and stuck to the card. Please ask your parent, guardian, or teacher to sign the card as all your own work then post it (2½d. stamp) to:

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3 Pilgrim Street,
London, E.C.4. (Comp.).

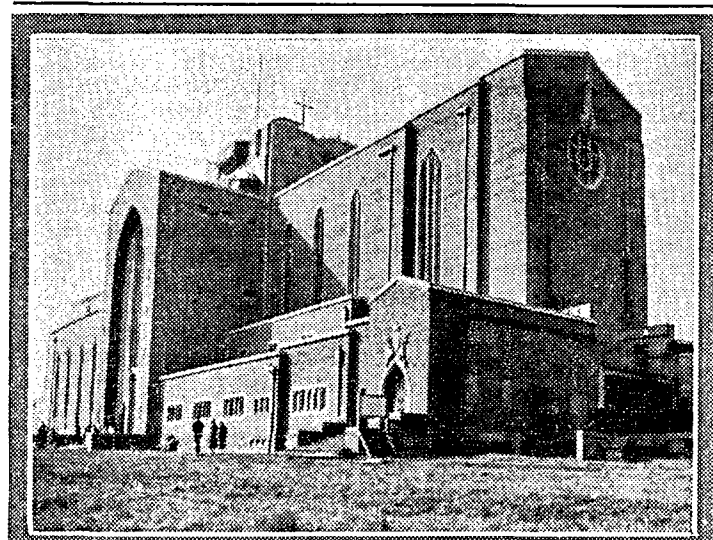
to reach this office by Tuesday, 23rd May.

The prizes will be awarded for the entries which are correct and the best-written according to age. The Editor's decision is final.



This token must be attached to your entry. The CLOSING DATE is 23rd May.

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OUR HOMELAND

Guildford Cathedral, which is to be consecrated on 17th May in the presence of the Queen and Prince Philip.

THE CLOCKS ABOVE SHOW TIME ALL OVER THE WORLD. SUNLIGHT MOVES WESTWARD ROUND THE EARTH. TRAVELLING 15 DEGREES AN HOUR. THIS MEANS THAT EVERY 15 DEGREES EAST OF GREENWICH THE CLOCK IS ONE HOUR AHEAD, AND EVERY 15 DEGREES WEST IS ONE HOUR BEHIND.

THE CANADIAN Government is carrying out its biggest Arctic research expedition. A camp has been set up for scientists to carry out various surveys, including a search for oil. See news columns

PICTURE NEWS AND TIME MAP

A NEW RUNWAY, more than two miles long, now enables jet airliners to use the airport at Wahn, midway between Bonn and Cologne. With other improvements also in hand, at a cost of nearly £6,000,000, Wahn will become one of the biggest international airports in Europe, handling two million passengers a year.

AN UNDERGROUND LAKE in Eastern Kazakhstan is being emptied so that rich mineral deposits can be mined. Four million gallons of water are pumped away every hour, but it is estimated that the job will take two years.

THREE BRITONS are on a mapping expedition in the Himalayas. During the next few weeks they hope to complete a circuit of a group of mountains, all over 20,000 feet high, in a remote region of Nepal.

BRITISH GUIANA this year receives £1,269,530 from the British Government's Colonial Development and Welfare Acts. Most of it will be spent on draining and irrigating 20,000 acres of land along the Essequibo coast for the growing of rice, coconuts, and cocoa.

THE GREAT KYLE DAM on the Mtikwe River of Southern Rhodesia has been officially opened. The dam and its lake, covering 40 square miles, will provide constant water for the sugar and citrus fruits estates along the river.

A BIG PORT for ocean-going ships is to be built at Umm Qasr, a desert region south of Basra on the Persian Gulf. When the port is completed, in about three years' time, a city will be built round it.

WOOD-PULP, fibre board, paper, and other materials produced by New Zealand's forest industry are worth more than £8,000,000 a year in exports. It is believed that the value could be doubled by 1965, and the planting of more State forests is planned.

SCIENTISTS IN ARCTIC CANADA

The Canadian Government is carrying out the biggest programme of scientific research it has ever undertaken within the Arctic Circle. Operating from a base camp set up in the north of Baffin Island, some 70 scientists are now studying the earth's structure, searching for oil, and mapping uncharted regions. The work will go on ceaselessly until September.

The scientists have three planes and four helicopters for carrying stores and equipment, for making surveys, particularly over the region in which traces of oil have been found, and for help in charting the numerous islands and channels. In all, some 200 hours will be spent in aerial surveys.

See World Map

Coloured Coal from Slot Machines

Brightly-coloured coal in paper bags from slot machines! This is the novel form of supply which the National Coal Board has in store for us.

The Scottish Region of the N.C.B. is now in the throes of a sales campaign designed to show that coal need not be the grimy fuel so familiar to us all. Smokeless coal is available now to help to keep our cities clean, and in Edinburgh this Summer Britain's first coal-in-the-slot machine will be seen.

The machine, eight feet long and seven feet high, will hold from 40 to 60 bags each containing 21-lb. of coal, and 2s. 6d. in

the slot will produce one to be carried home as easily as a bag of potatoes. In due course, no doubt, a bag of coal will become an item on the weekly shopping list!

Later in the year we can expect coal with a touch of colour. There are to be bags containing coal in shades of gold, silver, red, purple, and green, according to quality.

All in all, it seems that coal has a colourful future.

PEN FRIENDS IN SWEDEN

Boys and girls wishing to find a pen friend in Sweden may do so quite simply through the Swedish Post Office. A Post Office employee, Mr. Erik Lindgren, has been officially entrusted with the job of providing Swedish boys and girls with pen friends abroad through the Central Committee for International Exchange between schools.

Anyone between the ages of 12 and 19 may write to Mr. Lindgren, Box 606, Lund 6, Sweden, giving name, address, date of birth, and main interests, and he will do his best to obtain a suitable correspondent.

TEST FOR YOUNG AIR SPOTTERS

Nine boys and three girls will compete in London this weekend for the unofficial title of Britain's ace junior air spotter. Members of various air training bodies, they are the last twelve in the Wings of Speed contest run by J. Lyons and Company.

To qualify for the finals, they had to identify five modern aircraft in detail and say in not more than 50 words why they were interested in the visual identification of aircraft. This weekend they will take part in an advanced test of spotting aircraft which will be judged by experts.

The first prize is a movie camera and film projector, and a twelve-

seater light bus for the unit to which the winner belongs.

As guests of J. Lyons and Company the young air spotters will enjoy visits to London Airport and the Planetarium, and a trip on the Thames.

SNOW PROGRESS

Since 1953 thousands of French children have been taken for a month's course 'up in the mountains'. They have ordinary lessons in the morning and go out for Winter sport in the afternoon. As a result, it is claimed, they have made remarkable progress in their school work.

David Jacobs picks the pops

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"We do not have monitor screens, so that all attention is on the panel and the audience. I remember the first time the producer played the trick of turning a camera on the visiting celebrity while the panel were discussing her disc. They thought the record was the most terrible thing they'd ever heard, certain to be a flop. Then I realised that one camera was on a woman sitting at the end of a row of seats. It was the celebrity! Nobody knew she was there. And, bless her,

she was in fits of laughter at the whole thing."

In his record programme David seldom fails to mention, in the most unflattering terms, that other popular disc-jockey, Pete Murray. And Pete, in turn, usually has some disparaging remarks to make about David. So people often ask if they really are enemies conducting a bitter public feud.

"No, it's all a vast joke. We are the best of pals," says David Jacobs. "In fact, Pete and I think up the ruder remarks together!"

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WATCH FOR NEW CLUB ACTIVITIES

Teacher's Name

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Ups and downs of a clown

ACTOR John Slater takes on the role of a circus clown telling his life story in a serial beginning in BBC children's programme in the Home Service next Tuesday. *Circus Boy*, in seven weekly parts, is the tale of Tommy Gough as related in the book by Ruth Manning-Saunders.

Tommy's father is a tight-rope walker and Tommy himself is only five when he first appears in the ring. Soon he learns to be a trick rider, trapeze artist, and acrobat. But his real gift is for clowning. Troubles begin when Tommy's father starts a circus of his own. A tour to Ireland turns out disastrously and it looks as if Gough's Circus will have to pack up.

AFTER THE SPORTS TROPHY

WHO will win ATV's *Seeing Sport* trophy for 1961? I hear that some 30 entries had been received when the lists closed.

The trophy is awarded to the school, youth club, or other organisation which has, in the opinion of a judges' panel of leading sportsmen and coaches, done most to make a practical contribution to the sporting facilities by building such things as running tracks, swimming pools, cricket pavilions, and tennis courts.

Egyptian tomb in the Garden of England

EGYPT is a long way to go to film location shots for a children's TV serial. This problem worried Cecil Petty, producer of the current ATV Sunday afternoon serial, *The Secret of the Nubian Tomb*.

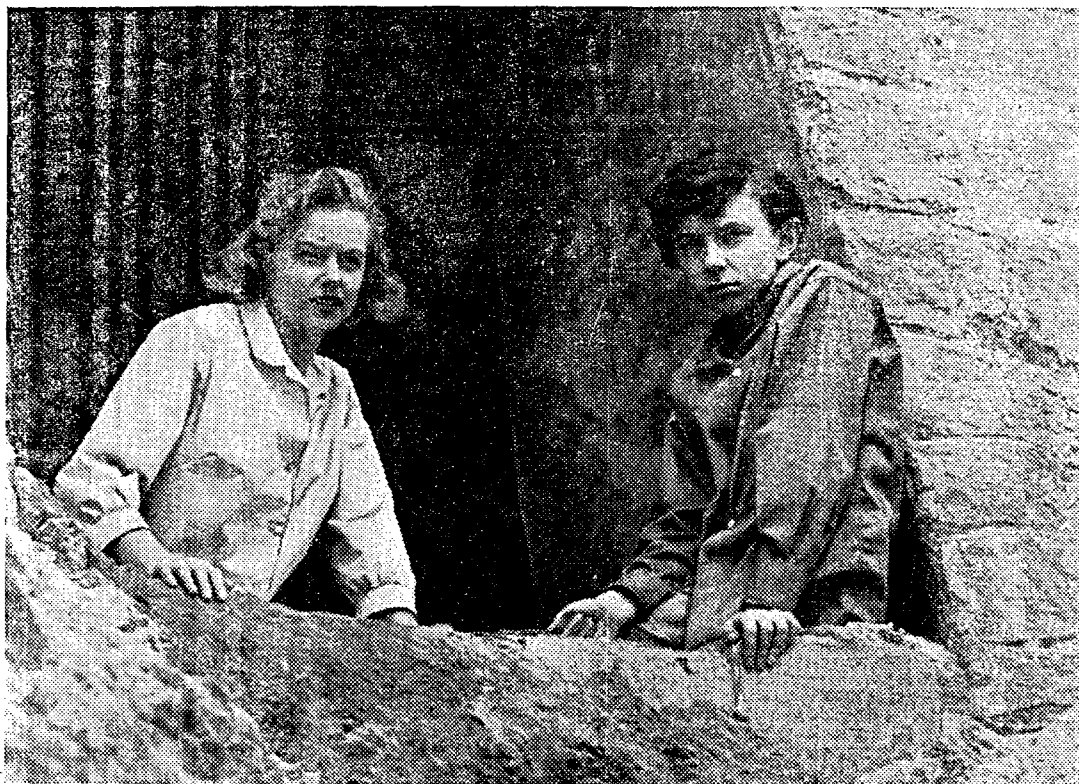
So he cruised by car around southern England, hunting for a spot that would look like the semi-parched territory of Upper



Nubia, near the Nile. He found it, strangely enough in Kent—"the Garden of England."

The scene in the picture—the main venue for most of the serial—is a sandpit at Addington, near Wrotham. Peter Hempson and Shirley Lawrence, as the boy and girl archaeologists trying to find the tomb of an Ancient Egyptian beauty named Nefermaat, spent two days there with a camera team.

Fortunately the weather was good, and all the external shots during their "dig" for the tomb of Nefermaat were managed in that short time. The party also included John Carson as the Sheik, Henry Soskin as headman of the village, and Jerry Stovin as the pushful American business man.



Why not try your skill in Junior Criss Cross Quiz?

WOULD you like to take part in *Junior Criss Cross Quiz*, ITV's popular game now in full swing again with our old friend Jeremy Hawk as compere? Granada TV tell me the door is wide open to boy and girl competitors living within 12 miles of the centre of London.

They must be at least 12 years of age and under 15. Would-be competitors should write to *Junior Criss Cross Quiz*, Granada House, 36 Golden Square, London, W.1.

Keep your letters brief, but mention the name of your school and any facts which might show that your general knowledge is reasonably good. If your application makes the right impression you will be invited for a preliminary interview.

Prizes to be won include tennis

QUESTION TIME AT THE ZOO

Do bats have a fondness for flying into girls' hair? This old superstition will be exploded in Granada's *A to Zoo* children's programme on ITV this Wednesday evening. The letter is "Q" and the subject, *Questions*.

Dr. Desmond Morris will be seen trying an experiment with a baby bat, which he placed on a young woman's head. It struggled madly to get away! He believes the superstition may have begun in the Middle Ages, when houses had no ceilings and bats lodged in the rafters. If they fell, they often got caught in women's hair.

Viewers will meet bat expert Andrew Watson, so bat-conscious that his car registration number is BAT 13. There are 13 varieties of bat in the British Isles.

Do elephants forget? This is another question which will be

rackets, cameras, ballet lessons, portable radios, record players, canoes, microscopes, tape recorders, power tool sets, and archery equipment.



Jeremy Hawk

TOUR OF THE TUBE TUNNEL

THE other day BBC producer Robert Gunnell groped his way under Finsbury Park, North London, in two pilot tunnels which have been scooped out for the proposed Victoria-Walthamstow tube line.

This Wednesday evening London listeners can hear his report, *Sixty Feet from Congestion*, in the Home Service at 6.35. He will tell what he saw down there in the two short twin sections which may one day form part of the 11½-mile tube designed to take 32,000 passengers an hour, thereby easing one of London's most appalling traffic problems.

The whole job, which could be completed in six years, would link most of London's main line termini and save passengers changing stations as they now have to at many points between North and South London.

New friend for Lenny

LENNY the Lion now has a girl friend. Viewers will meet her on Thursday, 11th May, when a new fortnightly series of half-hour *Lenny the Lion Shows* begins in BBC Junior TV. She is attractive,

fair-haired Dany Clare, from Southern Television.

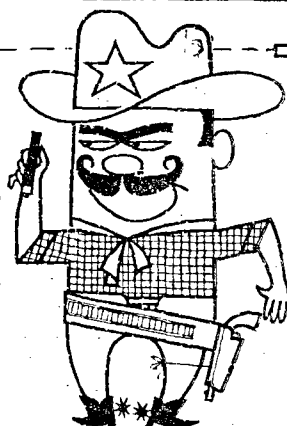
Dany will be taking over the resident role of hostess and helper, aiding and abetting

Terry Hall in keeping Lenny on his toes. Sometimes she will break into song.

Norman Vaughan will be the resident comedian.



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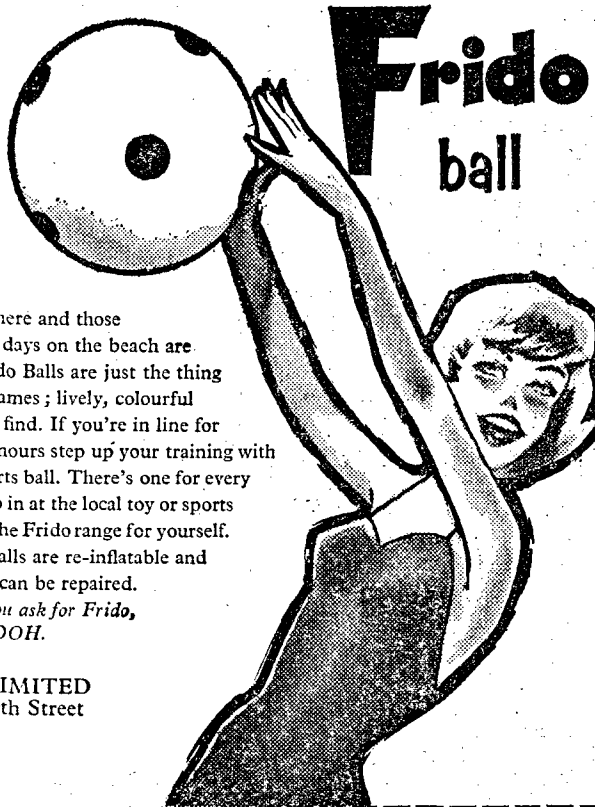
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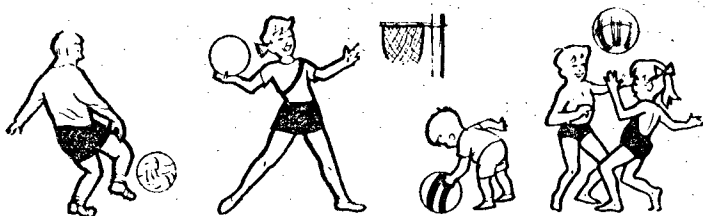
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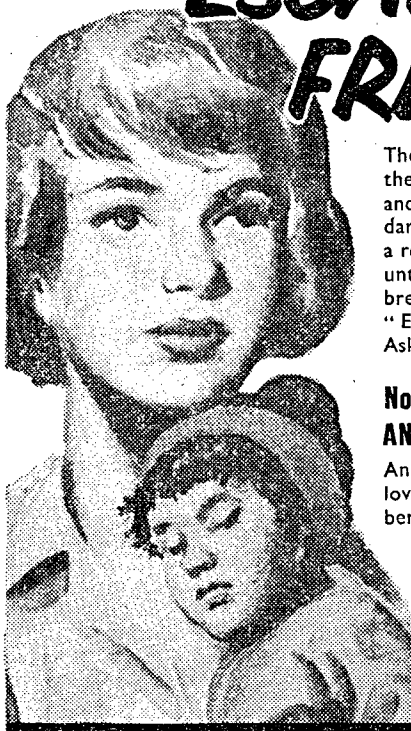
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ANITA—PRINCESS IN PERIL

Another story about the lively and lovable young Princess of Sylvanberg. An old enemy returns from exile to conspire against her.

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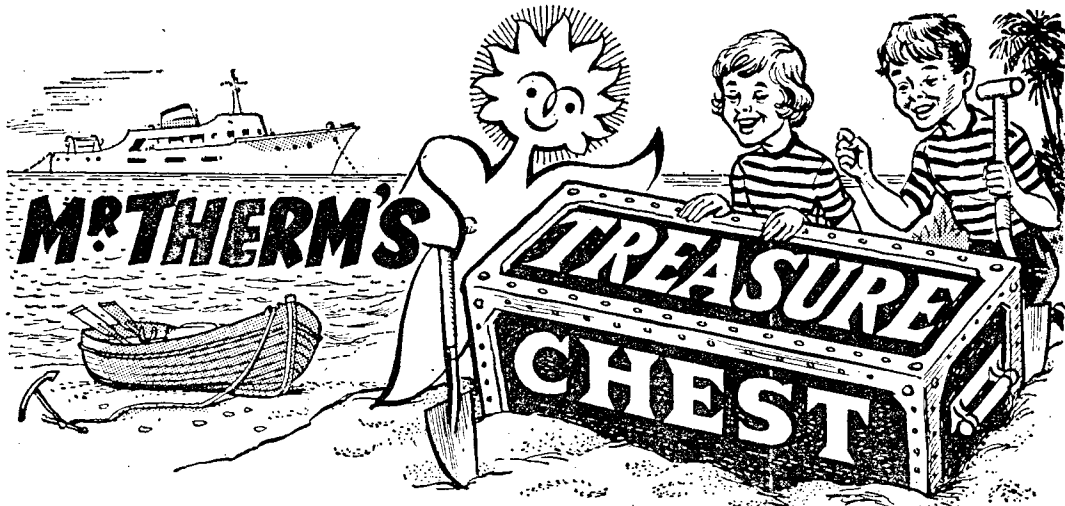
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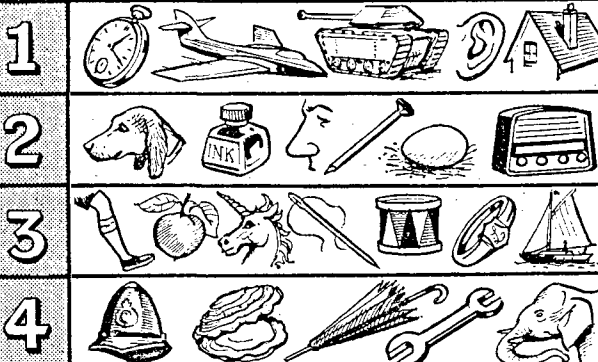
YEARS ago, washing-up the dishes was a hideous, long-winded business. Water had to be heated laboriously over open fires, but hot water was often regarded as a luxury, and the poor servants of bygone days had to clean great piles of plates in cold water, and with very inferior soap. As a dinner in those days went on for seven or eight or even more courses, you can imagine what a lot of washing-up there was! However, the growing popularity of gas in the last century gradually changed this unhappy picture and, thanks to gas, washing-up these days is easy as A B C.

TO-DAY, in millions of households, gas provides instant, endless hot water for washing-up. A house without a gas water heater of one type or another hardly seems a house at all. Mummy loves the ease, the speed, and the cleanliness of gas. Why, a gas water heater can make even washing-up fun! And it's not only constant hot water for washing-up that gas can provide. There are heaters to produce hot water for baths and for the laundry. Lots of piping hot water, and you never run out! What would we all do without wonderful Mr. Therm?



Issued by the Gas Council.

HERE'S A CHANCE TO WIN PRIZES!



THIS IS WHAT TO DO

These panels each spell the name of something mentioned in the story above, and you can find what they are by writing down the initial letters only of the objects in the order they are shown. Make a neat, numbered list of your answers on a postcard, add your full name, age and address, then post it to: Mr. Therm's Treasure Chest No. 3, Children's Newspaper, 3 Pilgrim Street, London, E.C.4 (Comp.).

£2 2s. Book Tokens will be awarded for the three nearest correct entries (with writing according to age taken into account) received by Friday, 19th May.

"GOING PLACES" WINNERS

The winners of our Going Places Competition No. 6 were Sheila Gilligan of Mexborough, Dilys Jones of West Bridgford and Robert Digby of Bedford.

GAS MAKES HOME WORK EASY

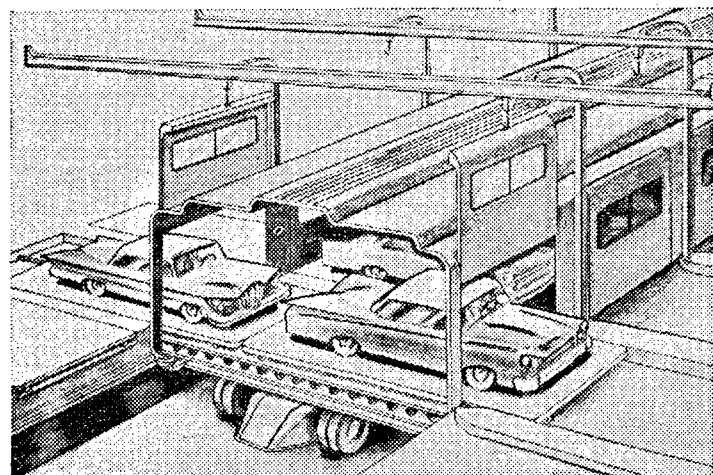
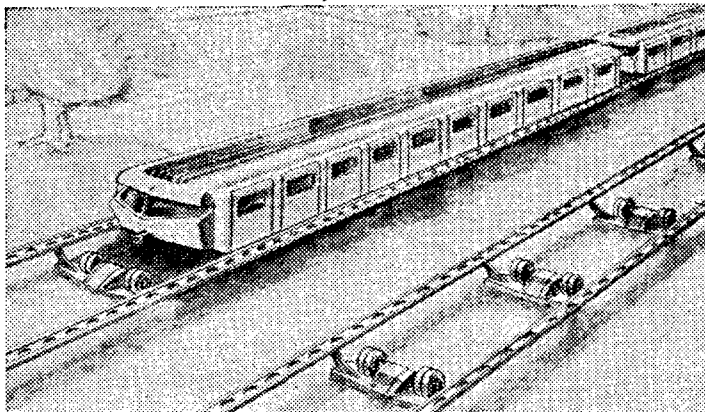


"ROLLER ROAD" WHICH COULD CARRY CARS AT 150 MPH

One of the latest ideas from America is an electric "roller road," which could be built on disused railway tracks and carry large numbers of cars, "piggy back" fashion, at speeds of up to 150 miles an hour.

The idea has come from two Westinghouse engineers and has already been approved by such big companies as General Motors as a means of using unwanted railway tracks and at the same time help to keep the roads clear.

The new road would consist of a series of rubber rollers, similar



to inverted roller skates, spaced about 20 feet apart, and built on the ground. They would be powered by small individual motors. The car-trains would be flat-bottomed carriers supported and propelled by the rubber rollers.

The roller trains would stop at fixed stations, where the cars would be automatically loaded and unloaded in quick time. Each carrier truck would be about 110 feet long with space for ten cars as well as a lounge for the driver-passengers.

The carriers would be operated in strings of three to ten units, the actual number being decided by the length of the loading plat-

The Magic Fingers Boy

This is Zack Laurence, a young pianist who has started a recording career with two tunes, *Magic Fingers* and *Zsa Zsa*, which he himself composed three years ago when he was only twelve.

Zack, who lives in the London borough of Hackney, has been playing the piano since he was seven and won a two-year scholarship at the Guildhall School of Music when he was ten.

"Though I loved classical music," he says, "and still do, I also felt a strong urge to play pops. One important reason was that, in the latter field, I felt I might be capable of writing my own melodies. That sometimes got me in trouble—especially

when I started doing my own improvisations on a piece by Mozart!"

It was an appearance at the Nuffield Centre in London that led

to his introduction to the Parlophone label. He has also been signed by a music publisher to produce eight numbers a year.

"But," says Zack, "I'm staying at school. I want to take my G.C.E. at 'A' level in history and economics."

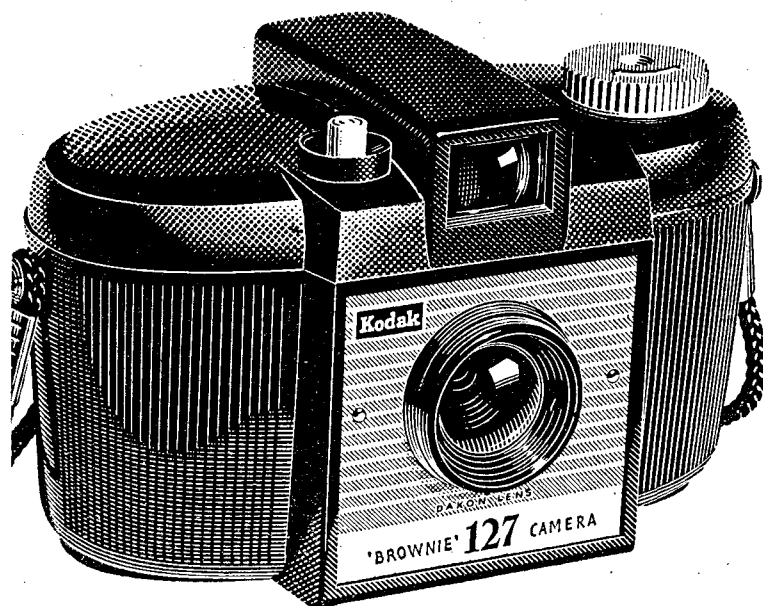


UNITED AT LAST

Two parts of a small Egyptian statue, dating back to 520 B.C., have been reunited after centuries of separation.

The statue represented a provincial governor of one of the ancient pharaohs, and the upper part had long been at the Louvre in Paris. The other part was in New York's Brooklyn Museum, and it was there that a visiting archaeologist saw it and was immediately reminded of the fragment in the Louvre. Investigations followed and the two parts were found to fit together perfectly. Now, thanks to the generosity of the American museum, the complete statue is in the Louvre.

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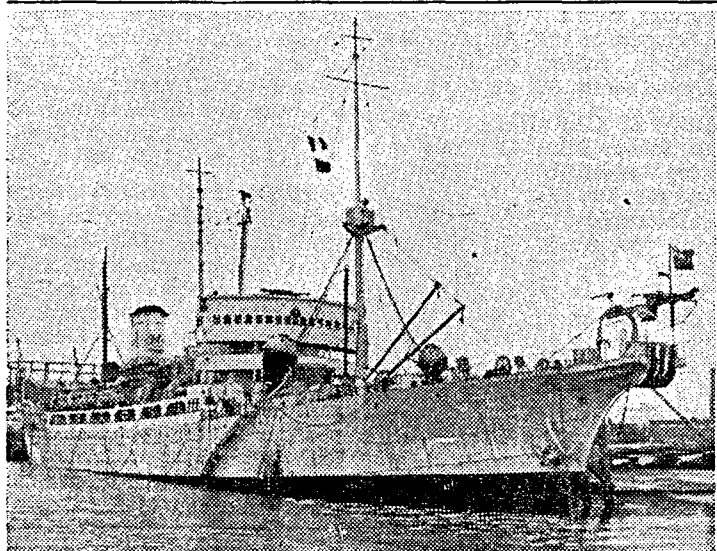
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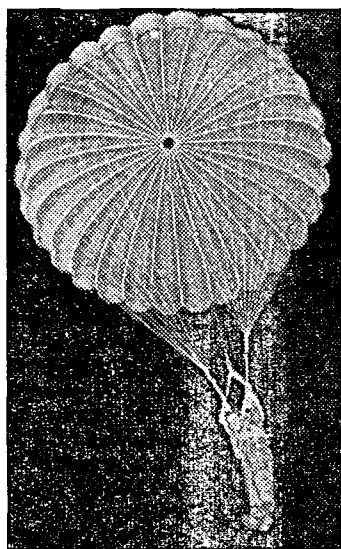
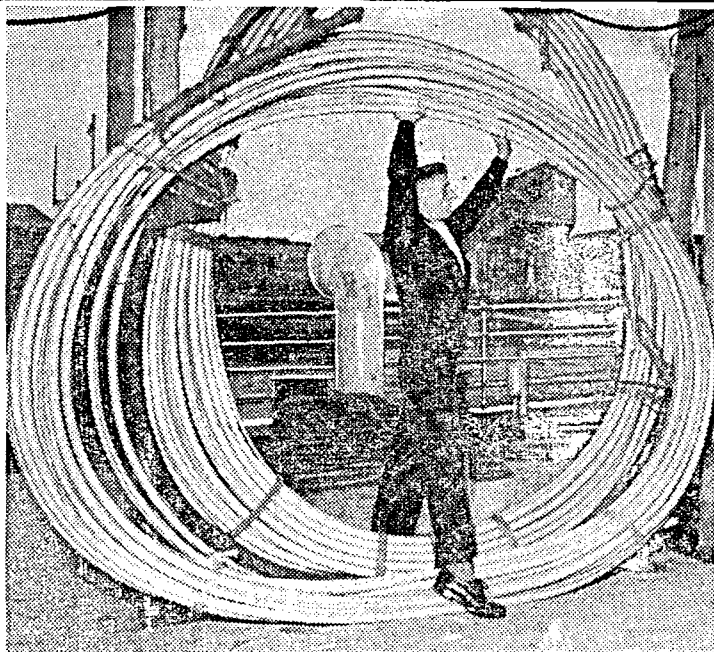
That tastes good

A carrot from a young visitor for one of the old horses in comfortable retirement at the Ada Coles Memorial Stables, South Mimms, Hertfordshire.



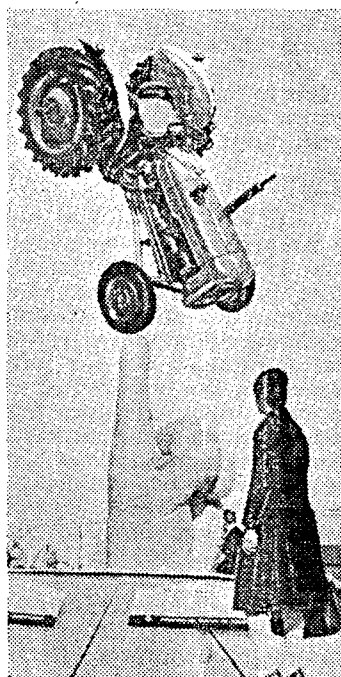
NEW ATLANTIC CABLE

A new cable is being laid across the Atlantic Ocean by H.M. Telegraph Ship *Monarch*. It is the first stage in a round-the-world telephone cable destined eventually to link all the Commonwealth countries. The first section of 700 miles is being laid from Oban, Scotland, and will be joined with two other similar lengths to reach New Hampden at the head of White Bay, Newfoundland. Here we see a view of the *Monarch* and (right) a quartermaster checking the cable aboard ship.



DROPPING IN

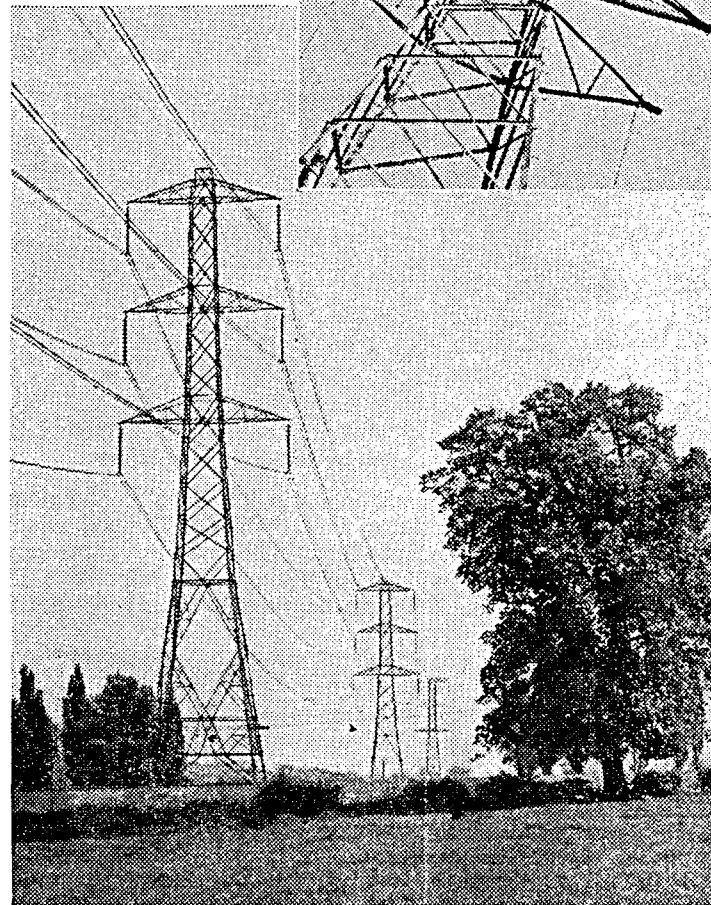
A parachute instructor of the R.A.F. drops from the roof of a hangar during rehearsal for a Flying Training Command display at Cardington, Bedfordshire.



WELL BALANCED

This model of a new tractor was exhibited balanced on a dummy finger at a Paris agricultural show

TOP JOBS ON TALL TOWERS



The electric grid system is now part of many a country landscape for there are about 7,000 miles of high voltage overhead cable in England and Wales. Our picture shows a section of the Elstree to Tilbury line, across Hertfordshire and Essex, with towers 135 feet high and 1,250 feet apart. Inset we see a tower being erected—a top job indeed and one calling for steady nerves.



Girl with a key job

At a factory in Long Eaton, near Nottingham, slips of ivory cut from elephant tusks are glued to the wooden bases of piano keys. Completed keyboards are ranged behind the worker.

Home of an early bird-watcher



Gilbert White's old home at Selborne, Hampshire.

THE Hampshire village of Selborne has been in the news lately because the Alton Rural District Council wants to build a new sewage plant there. This may not seem very remarkable, for every village must sooner or later have its own sewage plant, but Selborne happens to be a very special sort of village.

Naturalists all over the English-speaking world have heard of Selborne because of a book published in the year 1788. It was called *The Natural History of Selborne*, and its author was the Reverend Gilbert White. White was a pioneer field naturalist, who made his observations on living animals out in the fields and woods and not just on dead bodies and skins in a museum, as almost all naturalists had done before him.

Threat to a valley

His book is one of the classics of English literature as well as of natural history, and every year thousands of people visit Selborne to see his old home, The Wakes, and his grave in the churchyard.

The trouble with the proposed new sewage farm is that it is to be built in a narrow valley just where it will be seen by everybody who goes into the churchyard to see Gilbert White's grave. Fortunately, there is an alternative site lower down the valley, and every country-lover and naturalist



Gilbert White

hopes that the local council will adopt this site instead.

Selborne is wonderfully sited in the Hampshire Downs, with steep chalk hills side by side with the pines and heather that grow on sandy soils. One steep hill rises immediately above the village, and this is clothed with the beech trees of the famous Selborne Hanger, which now belongs to the National Trust. A "hanger,"

incidentally, is the name given in Hampshire to a wood that "hangs" on the side of a hill.

Many of the plants that White wrote about in his book can still be found growing in exactly the same places where he knew them; for instance, the stinking hellebore, spurge laurel, and birdsnest orchid are still to be found in the hanger, the autumn gentian on the open down, and the golden saxifrage in the hollow lanes.

It was as a bird-watcher, almost the first bird-watcher, indeed, that Gilbert White really made his mark. His summaries of the life histories of the swallow, house martin, and swift were the first detailed accounts in English of these birds, and he was the first naturalist to suggest that the reason why the swift stays such a short time with us each year might be that the insects it feeds on are only available to it for a short period.

Three birds provided his greatest triumph

But perhaps his greatest triumph was to distinguish for the first time between our three native species of leaf warblers—the chiff-chaff, the willow warbler, and the wood warbler. He was lucky enough to live in a part of the country where all three were found, but it was a great feat to succeed in separating three birds which modern bird-watching beginners often find confusing even when they are furnished with identification books and colour pictures.

No naturalist can consider his education complete until he has not only read *The Natural History of Selborne* but made a pilgrimage to the village itself. It is much to be hoped that in years to come these pilgrims will not also have to view the local sewage farm.

RICHARD FITTER

ON RECORD

New discs to note

LEONTYNE PRICE: *Verdi Requiem* on RCA RE25026/7. The superb Negro soprano Leontyne Price has received much acclaim for her singing of Verdi's operas and she is perfect here. Fritz Reiner conducts the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra. (LP. 39s. 9d.)

CARL DOLMETSCH: *Recorder Consort* on HMV 7EP 7107. This internationally-known recorder player has collected a fascinating programme of Elizabethan music and it is performed by himself, his two daughters, his sons and his accompanist Joseph Saxby. The disc is a *must* for anyone interested in the recorder. (EP 12s. 3½d.)

PINKY and PERKY: *Children's Favourites* on Columbia SEG 8084. *Who's Afraid Of The Big Bad Wolf?* ask Pinky and Perky and who indeed would be, when these cheery little pigs are near? Their selection also includes *The Runaway Train*, and should please children of every age, up to ninety! (EP. 11s. 11½d.)

CAMARATA: *Swiss Family Robinson Theme* on London HL-9323. Anyone who enjoyed this exciting Walt Disney film will be interested in this American conductor's version of the background music. (45. 6s. 4d.)

RONNIE CARROLL: *My Own* on Philips PB 1143. This is a song which became very popular a few years ago. As sung by Ronnie it could well be as popular among today's disc-collectors. It is a slow but rhythmic number, particularly suited to Ronnie's husky voice. (45. 6s. 4d.)



BENJAMIN BRITTEN: *Spring Symphony* on Decca LXT5624. Benjamin Britten conducts the Royal Opera House orchestra, the chorus of boys from the Emanuel School and the soloists, among whom are Peter Pears and Jennifer Vyvyan. The music was composed for an anthology consisting of poems from the 16th century to the present day and has passages of great beauty. It is a fresh, moving work which gives the more pleasure the more it is heard. (LP. 38s. 1½d.)

DORIS DAY: *The Sound Of Music* on Philips PB 1123. This tune from the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical is worth noting as much for its imaginative lyrics as for its unusual melody. Doris Day sings as smoothly as ever, bringing her own very individual interpretation to this lovely ballad. (45. 6s. 4d.)



LESLIE UGGAMS: *My Favourite Things* on Philips PB 1124. Leslie is a young American with a strong voice, well trained and full of contrast. She sings this, another *Sound Of Music* song, with a bounce and attack that should immediately catch the attention of record-buyers. (45. 6s. 4d.)

YEHUDI MENUHIN: *Instruments of the Orchestra* on HMV 7EG8672-3-4-5. This series of extended-play recordings is a first-class introduction to the various sections of the symphony orchestra. On each, Menuhin explains the place of the particular instrument about to be demonstrated and a leading soloist provides a musical illustration. The explanations are clear, and there is a set of wall-charts available. (EPs. 10s. 11½d. each.)

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The Children's Newspaper, 13th May, 1961

JUST LIKE JENNINGS

by Anthony Buckeridge

Jennings has borrowed the lens of the school projector for use in his hobby of studying fingerprints.

During an afternoon walk he and Darbishire watch a stranger in Miller's Wood and suspect him of being a spy, though he is in fact a naturalist whom the headmaster has invited to lecture to the school. The boys are late for roll call and fail to report to Mr. Wilkins, hoping their absence will be overlooked.

11. The missing component

JENNINGS and Darbishire spent the half hour before tea dodging Mr. Wilkins on his tours of the building; until, by chance, the master changed his route and emerged unexpectedly from the library just as the two boys were trotting past the door.

"So there you are! Why weren't you back in time for roll call?" he demanded.

"It was my watch, sir," Jennings explained. "It stopped."

"Oh, did it. Well, you'd better report to the headmaster as soon

as he comes back. He's gone out with Mr. Carter to look for you."

As it happened Mr. Pemberton-Oakes took a lenient view of the boys' absence from roll call when they reported to him after tea. Of his meeting with Dr. Tiddyman he said nothing, and Jennings left the study still determined to inform the police of his suspicions about the doctor's activities.

It was not until after cricket on Tuesday that he found time to write the letter. It took him some while to compose, and after he had finished it he passed it across the common room table for Darbishire's approval.

"To the Chief of Police, Linbury," it said. "Dear Sir,

I hope you are well and having weather. I expect you do not know but there is a suspicious character in Miller's Wood who may be a secret agent. You can tell him because he has a beard and quite a lot of cable coming out of the back of the car. Also dark glasses and some more things, but I could not get his prints on the bottle owing to gloves. I

have no motive and hope this does not matter.

Yours sincerely,

(signed) J. C. T. Jennings."

"That should do the trick all right," Darbishire decided, stroking his imaginary beard and frowning thoughtfully. "The only snag is that he may not still be there by the time the police get cracking. You've missed the post now so they won't get this till Thursday."

Jennings shrugged. "We'll have to risk that. Anyway even if he makes a bolt for it before then he won't get far. The police will have my description, don't forget."

"Your description! But it's not yours they want—it's *his*."

"Don't be so wet, Darbishire. I mean they'll have his description supplied by me."

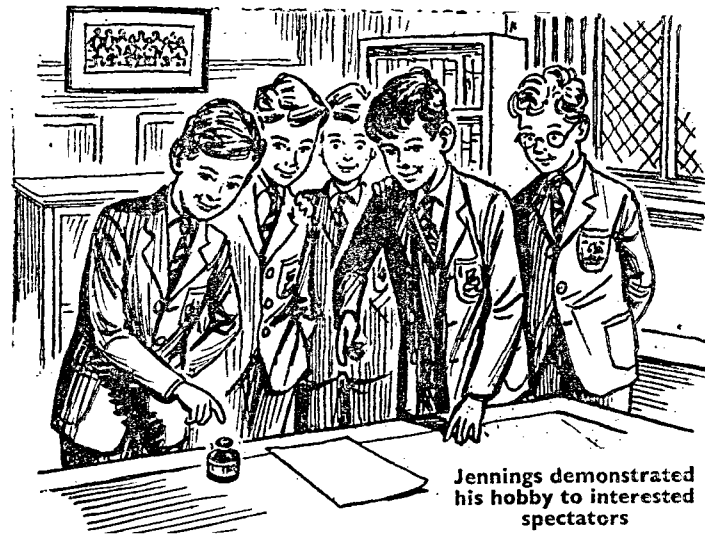
"Oh, I see."

Jennings smiled inwardly as he slipped the letter into his writing case . . . It was just a question of time, now!

Heavy work for Mr Wilkins

Mr. Wilkins was marking exercise books in the staff room after lunch the following day when Mr. Carter strode briskly in through the door.

"Ah, there you are, Wilkins," he said. "The Head wants you to work the projector for Dr. Tiddyman this afternoon. He'll look after the tape recorder himself, but he needs someone to change the slides."



Jennings demonstrated his hobby to interested spectators

"Right. I'll do that with pleasure," Mr. Wilkins agreed, rising to his feet. "I'll go and get it fixed up straight away."

The projector was heavy to handle and as Mr. Wilkins tried to save himself an extra journey by carrying the accessories and the screen all at the same time, progress down the stairs from the music room was fraught with peril at every step. Binns and Blotwell trotted up as he reached the hall.

"Oh, hello, sir. Are you taking the projector somewhere?" Blotwell inquired with interest.

Mr. Wilkins snorted. "Of course I am. What d'you think I'm doing? Knitting a tea-cosy?"

"No, sir. I just wondered if you wanted any help. We could

carry some of that stuff for you, if you like."

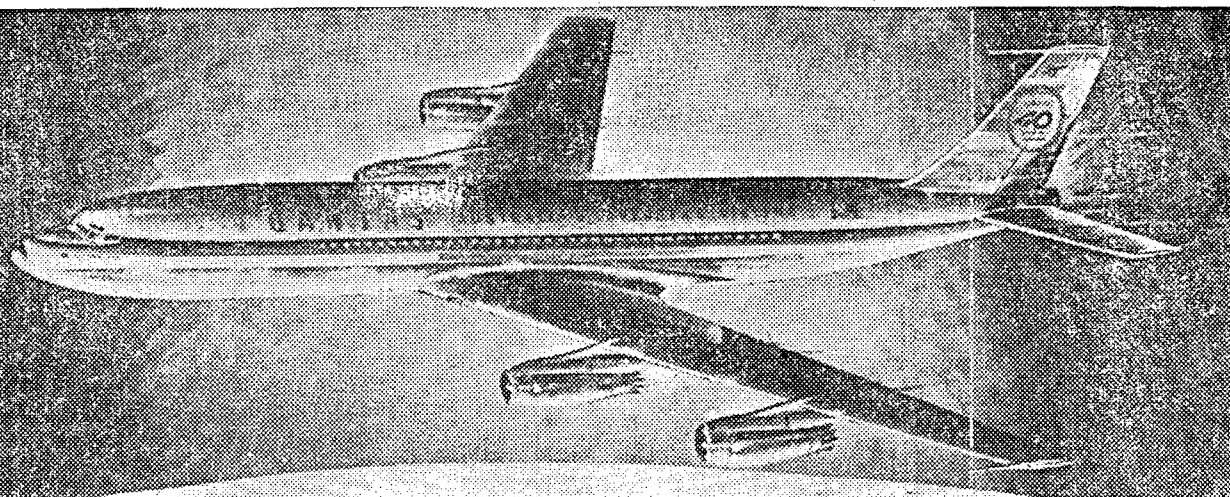
"Thank you, but this is a delicate, precision instrument and I don't want it bounced along the corridor like a football. If you really want to be helpful you can go ahead and open the doors for me."

When they reached the assembly hall Mr. Wilkins laid down his delicate burdens with a bump and began to assemble the apparatus. He fitted the lead of the projector into the electric power plug and turned on the switch. Then, with a frown of annoyance he noticed the absence of a vital component.

"Is there something wrong, sir?" inquired Blotwell.

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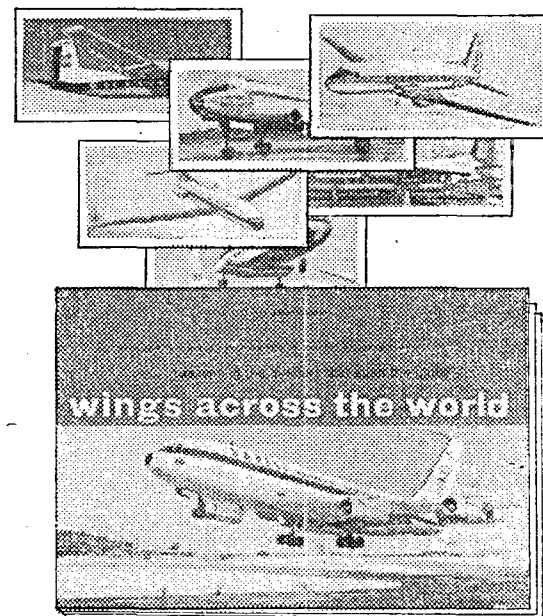
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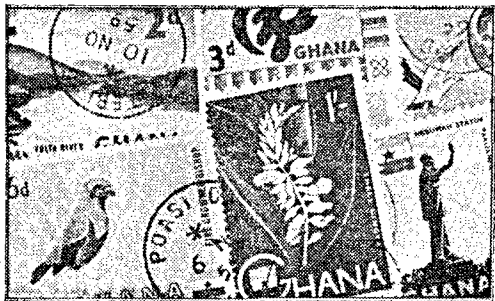
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Pirates, peace, and ping pong

CENTURIES ago, Spanish sailors voyaging in the West Indies noticed an island lying off the north-western coast of Haiti. From a distance the island looked not unlike a giant turtle floating in the sea, so the Spaniards called it Tortuga, the Spanish name for a turtle.

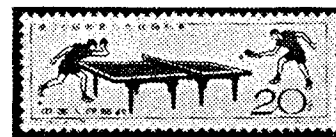
In later years Tortuga became the haunt of pirates. The little bays along the coast of the island could easily be defended by a few cannons placed on the surrounding hills. Moreover, the pirates could rest there, repair their ships, and even bury their treasure.

Today Tortuga belongs to Haiti and the only visitors are tourists who delight in golden sands and

are big, diamond-shaped designs and have been printed in bright colours by the London firm of Thomas De La Rue.

IN complete contrast, for they are not much larger than registration labels, four stamps have been issued in China to mark the 26th world table tennis championships held in Peking.

One value has a view of the magnificent arena in which the matches took place. Another, pictured here, shows two Chinese



at play. Incidentally, this design proved to be an accurate forecast of the championships, for a week after the issue of the stamps two Chinese players met in the final of the men's singles. The women's singles was also won by a Chinese girl.

As I mentioned in the CN on 15th April, Britain is preparing special 2d., 4d., and 10d. stamps for issue on 18th September, to mark an international postal conference being held at Torquay.

The same occasion will be marked by issues of stamps in many of the other 18 countries which will be represented at the conference. Details of the British designs will not be announced for

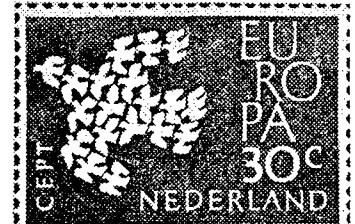


sunshine. But a new series of stamps from Haiti recalls its early history. Two values have a map of the island and the other six show some of the villainous-looking pirates who once made it their headquarters.

All these new Haitian stamps

some weeks yet, but the Dutch Post Office has chosen the design pictured here.

Nineteen doves, one for each country at the conference, are



arranged to form a larger dove, peaceful co-operation being the theme.

The same symbol may be included on the British stamps, but these are sure to follow the usual tradition of having a portrait of the Queen as their main feature.

LAST week I described the new Italian stamps showing paintings by Michael Angelo. I have now received an example of the special postmark used on the first



day of issue. Rome and Caprese, where Michael Angelo was born in 1475, were the only two places where this postmark was in use. Its design is based on Michael Angelo's own portrait of himself.

C. W. HILL

JUST LIKE JENNINGS

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"There certainly is. The lens is missing from the projector. I don't know what we shall do if we can't find it."

"Won't it work then, sir?"

"Of course it won't work, you silly boy. Don't ask such fatuous questions."

There was good reason for the peevish note in Mr. Wilkins' voice for the discovery that the projector was now useless had come at a most unfortunate moment. Within a matter of minutes the bell would be sounding to summon the school to the assembly hall, and the guest would mount the platform only to find that his slides could not be shown.

A bright idea occurred to Blotwell as he stood looking at the gaping hole in front of the projector. "Sir, please, sir, if you can't find the lens wouldn't it be a good scheme to use a magnifying glass instead, sir? Perhaps you could stick it on with sticky tape or something."

"H'm! It's just possible, I suppose," Mr. Wilkins conceded. "But there's no point in making suggestions like that if we haven't got a magnifying glass."

"No, but I know who has got one, sir—Jennings has."

It was not often that Mr. Wilkins acted upon suggestions made by Messrs. Blotwell and Binn, but in the present circumstances there seemed to be no harm in giving their idea a trial. With this in mind he hurried out of the assembly hall to enlist the help of the self-styled fingerprint expert.

Fingerprints everywhere

Unaware of the crisis in the assembly hall Jennings was demonstrating his hobby to a group of interested spectators upstairs in the common room. Venables and Atkinson who had earlier been laying a trail in various parts of the building now returned to say that their mission was accomplished.

"We fairly plastered our fingerprints on everything we could see," Venables reported with satisfaction.

"Jolly good," the expert approved. "Now the next thing is to dip your fingers in the ink pot and make some more dabs on a piece of paper so I can com-

pare them with the other ones you've just made."

At that moment the bell rang and Venables hesitated with his fingers poised above the ink pot.

"That's not the bell for school," announced Temple who had just come into the room. "Mr. Carter's just told me to pass it round that everyone's got to go to the assembly hall instead."

"Why, what's up?"

"First lesson's cancelled. Some old geezer's coming to give us a lecture. Something to do with Nature."

"Whatever it is it'll be better than history with Old Wilkie," said Jennings. A thought struck him and he turned to Temple in sudden concern. "I say Mr. Carter didn't say it was a lecture with slides did he?"

"Yes, it is. Mr. Wilkins has just taken the projector along to the assembly hall. And there's going to be tape recordings, too."

But Jennings had ceased to listen. Whatever happened he must replace the lens on the projector before Mr. Wilkins discovered that it was missing.

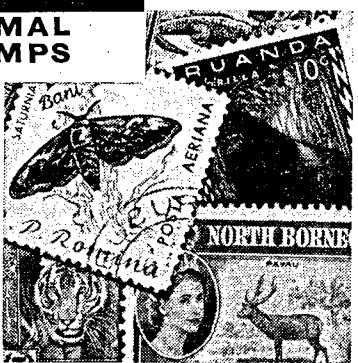
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PUZZLE PARADE

Go fishing

The answer to each clue gives the name of a fish. How quickly can you find the four of them?

Deep sounding voice
Struggle helplessly
Sign of displeasure
Used on ice

Making a name

Here are five boys' Christian names. Can you, by taking one letter from each, form a sixth Christian name?

Ralph; Robert; Rupert; David; Stewart.

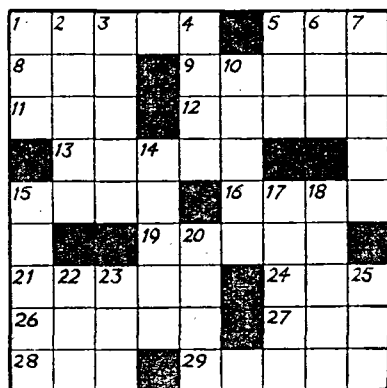
ALL CHANGE!

In this word puzzle, the two incomplete words in each sentence are anagrams; that is, they consist of the same letters rearranged. The dots stand for the missing letters.

Example: danger, ranged.

Answers are given in column 3

1. She has taken the v... and will l... in a convent.
2. You must s... when you reach the winning p...
3. R.... are numbered among the gems which Nature b.... in the earth.
4. The plaintive t... of his voice would melt a heart of s....
5. The road extends for a m... under the l... trees.
6. Her skirt hung in p.... of a delicate p.... shade.



Answer next week

Crossword Puzzle

READING ACROSS.
1 Slopes. 5 Eggs. 8 Order of the British Empire. 9 Animal of the weasel family. 11 Hill. 12 Details. 13 Essential. 15 To measure. 16 You might bake in it. 19 Television jury. 21 South American animal. 24 Knob or lump. 26 To eat into. 27 Poem. 28 Colour. 29 Equipped with a weapon.
READING DOWN. 1 Decay. 2 Higher than. 3 Earn. 4 Couch. 5 Officers' Training Corps. 6 Animal doctor. 7 Wilful burning of property. 10 Hooked claw of bird of prey. 14 Lukewarm. 15 Mother. 17 Serpent's poison. 18 Evade. 20 Region. 22 Exist. 23 Peas grow in it. 25 You sleep in one.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

If you have a birthday this week you share it with one of the following famous people:

- 7th May Robert Browning, poet
8th May Mr. Harry Truman
9th May Sir James Barrie
10th May Monica Dickens, novelist
11th May Irving Berlin
12th May Florence Nightingale
13th May Sir Ronald Ross, discoverer of cause of malaria

Miss Parker and the thrush

MISS PARKER could not understand why she was not allowed in Ann's room for her early morning toe-hunting on the bed. But poor Ann was in bed with measles, too miserable to listen to the little portable radio on her bedside table, and longing to see Miss Parker.

She was worrying, too, about the pair of thrushes nesting in the evergreens. For though Miss Parker had learned not to touch birds, every time she crossed the garden when Mr. Thrush was singing from the tree he would swoop angrily just over her head.

"He will do that once too often," Ann worried. "Though you could not blame her for striking back."

At last Miss Parker was allowed to visit her, and after an exciting toe-hunt the little cat fell sound asleep. Then, feeling more cheerful, Ann switched on the radio.

Miss Parker, as usual, took no notice, till the music changed to a countryside programme with all the springtime sounds and songs. Now, though still sound asleep, her whiskers started twitching, and she made her little "talking-at-the-birds" noises.

"This must be making her dream," laughed Ann.

Then it happened.

The record began the loud song of a thrush, Miss Parker's eyes half opened, and, with a crouching run across the bed, she leapt towards the radio, thinking sleepily, "I'll teach that Thrush to come in here!"

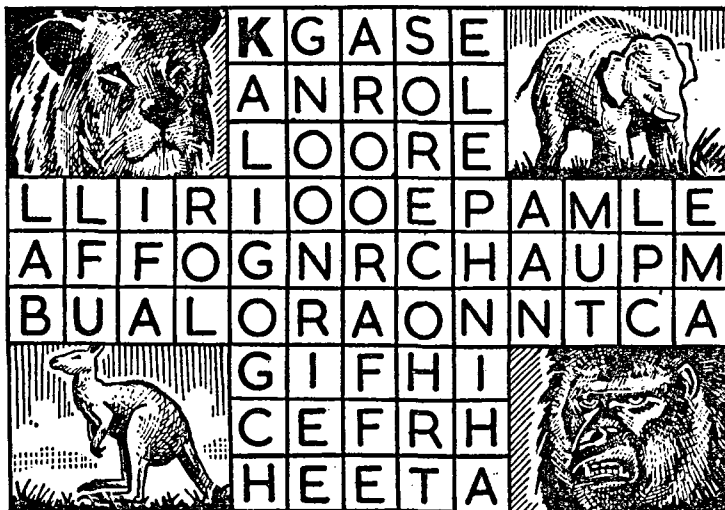
Immediately the little table rocked and tilted, Ann grabbed the radio, and Miss Parker slipped and bumped her nose.

"And it was all that Thrush's fault," she said to Mr. Portly later, licking her sore nose. "How was I to know he wasn't singing on that table! I shall keep hidden, in future, when he is around."

And when Ann, out of doors again, noticed this, she laughed, and wondered.

JANE THORNICROFT

ANIMALS FORMED BY THE SQUARES



STARTING with the letter K, move from letter to letter in any direction to form the names of ten animals.

Catch question

WHERE does afternoon appear before morning?

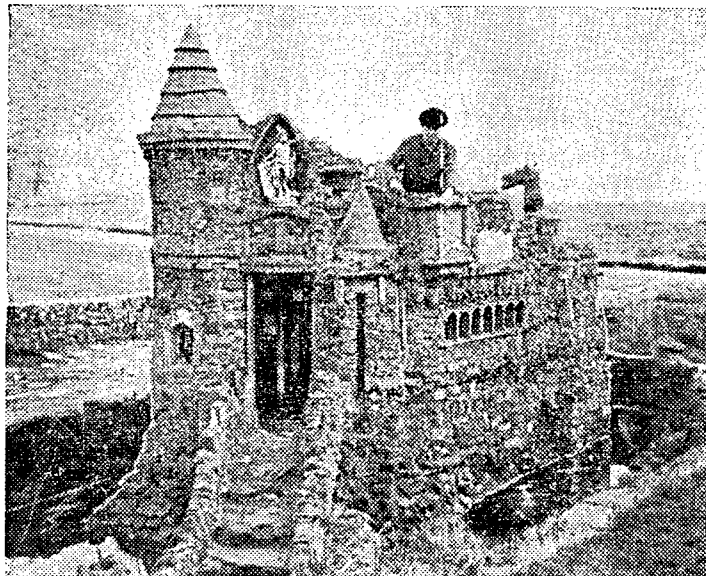
ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER
Go fishing. Bass; flounder; pout; skate. Making a name. Louis. Catch question. In the dictionary. Animals formed by the squares. Kangaroo; lion; gorilla; buffalo; giraffe; cheetah; rhinoceros; elephant; camel; puma.

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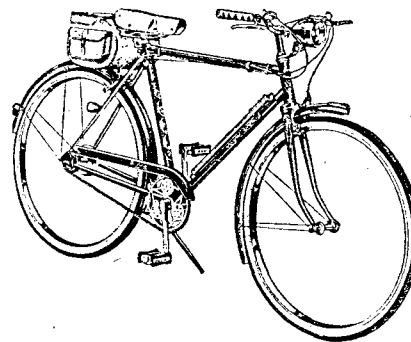
1 veil, live. 2 stop, post. 3 rubies, buries. 4 tones, stone. 5 mile, lime. 6 pleats, pastel.

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Rugby League's Day at Wembley

Two of the greatest clubs in the Rugby League will be battling out the all-Lancashire Challenge Cup Final at Wembley on Saturday—Wigan and St. Helens.

This will be Wigan's third Final in four seasons; they were winners in 1958 and '59, bringing their total of victories to six. In fact, Wigan were the first club to win the Rugby League Cup at Wembley, in 1929. St. Helens did not win the Cup until 1956, but were runners-up on four previous occasions.

Among the personalities playing on Saturday will be Austin Rhodes, the St. Helens full-back, who has kicked well over 300 goals during the last two seasons,

and his club-mate, Tom Van Vollenhoven. The South African is one of the fastest wingers in the game today and a leading try-scorer for several seasons.

The Wigan men will be no strangers to Wembley, for nine of the 1959 side may be at the Stadium again on Saturday, while seven of them could be appearing in their third final in four seasons. The number might have been eight, but Mick Sullivan, the former Wigan winger and try-scorer in two Wembley Finals, is now playing for St. Helens and will be all out to beat his former club.

Fred Griffiths, Wigan's South African full-back, and kicker of nearly 450 goals in the last three seasons, will be making his second appearance at Wembley in a Cup Final. On his previous visit in 1959 he kicked six goals.

Making light of heavy weights



Angela D'Arcy of Wakefield, Yorkshire, is only twelve and weighs six stones seven pounds. But already she can lift more than her weight, a feat that calls for skill as well as muscle.

Annual treat for cricket fans

YOUNG cricket fans will spend many a happy hour delving into Roy Webber's *The Cricket Annual 1961* (Dickens Press 2s.). Here are facts galore; records, averages, details of the county players, fixtures, the laws of the game, and so on.

The right size for slipping in the pocket, it will settle many an argument when "rain stops play."

Soccer season ends but our players are still busy

Now that the soccer season has ended, British teams and players are travelling to many parts of the world for short Summer tours.

In New York the first matches in the second international club tournament start next week. Teams from 16 countries will be competing, including Everton representing England, Kilmarnock carrying the Scottish flag for the second year, and Shamrock Rovers of Eire.

A number of well-known British club players will be turning out for the New York Americans, who will be captained by Alf Sherwood, the Welsh full-back. Among the other British players who will wear the New York team's colours is Mike Everitt of Northampton, playing for the second time, and his club mate, Laurie Brown, former English amateur and Olympic Games representative.

Had Brown not been chosen for this trip, he would have been a member of the F.A. party that leaves on Friday for a playing tour of New Zealand and the Far East, under the player-manager-ship of Tom Finney, the former Preston North End and England winger. Bobby Brown, Jim Lewis,

and Mike Pinner, other members of Britain's Olympics team in Rome, are also travelling with this team of amateurs and professionals.

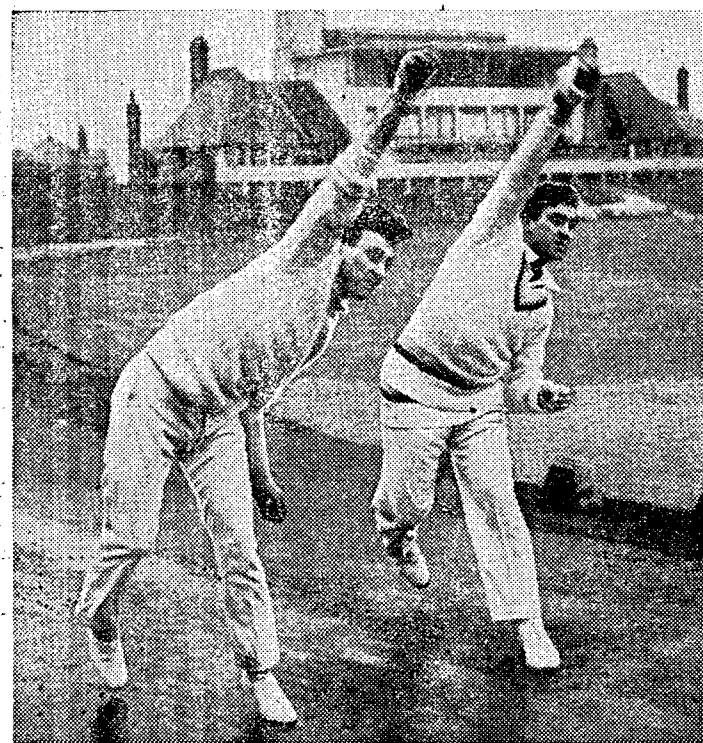
The great Stanley Matthews is always in demand, and this year he has gone to Canada to play for Toronto City. Joining him in the team are Danny Blanchflower and Johnny Haynes.

Many club teams will be touring on the Continent during the next few weeks. Among them are Aston Villa, who will be playing three matches in Russia, and Leicester City, the Cup Finalists, who have gone to Southern Rhodesia and South Africa.

Scotland and England both have international matches in the next few days. On Sunday the Scottish players will be in Bratislava to play Czechoslovakia in a World Cup preliminary tie. And this Wednesday the first international in this country between England and Mexico will be held at Wembley.

SORRY, JIMMY

In last week's CN we referred to the Leicester City inside-right as Irish international Jackie Walsh. He is, of course, Scottish under-23 international Jimmy Walsh.



Notice the similarity in style between these two fast bowlers practising at Headingley, Leeds? You should do, for they are brothers. On the right is the famous Freddie Trueman, and with him is his 18-year-old brother Dennis. Dennis is already a promising bowler in club cricket and may well follow Freddie into the Yorkshire team.

World's biggest gliding contest

THE world's biggest gliding contest will begin on Saturday. It is the National Gliding Championships, held every other year at Lasham, Hampshire. One hundred and twenty-five pilots and their crews will compete in the ten-day contest.

The reigning champion is Geoffrey Stephenson, the first British glider pilot to soar across the English Channel, in 1939. Also among the favourites is the previous champion, Anthony Deane-Drummond, who twice escaped from German prisoner-of-war camps in 1941 and spent 14 days hiding in a cupboard when escaping again in 1944.

The men are not likely to have it all their own way, however, for taking part in the championships is Mrs. Anne Burns, who recently set up four women's world records during a stay in South Africa.

Championship gliding (or soaring, as it is called) is based on a series of daily tests. These vary with the aim of testing pilots' all-round ability and will include distance and speed flying over pre-arranged courses.

In conjunction with the championships a two-day trade exhibition will be held this weekend. On show for the first time will be details of the new glider which is being developed for the next world championships.

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